



MEMORANDUM
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Agenda Item No. 6 (B)

TO: Honorable Chairman
Carlos A. Gimenez and Members of the
Regional Transportation Committee

DATE: August 18, 2005

FROM: Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes is submitted for approval by the Committee:

➤ May 23, 2005

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CLERK'S SUMMARY OF Meeting Minutes Regional Transportation Committee

Carlos A. Gimenez (7) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners Sally A. Heyman (4), Dennis C. Moss (9), Dorrin D. Rolle (2), and Rebeca Sosa (6)

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, May 23, 2005

2:00 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Carlos A. Gimenez, Dennis C. Moss, Katy Sorenson.

Members Absent: Sally A. Heyman, Dorrin D. Rolle, Rebeca Sosa.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

1A INVOCATION

1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1C ROLL CALL

Report: *The following staff support was present: Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez; Interim Aviation Director Carlos Bonzon; Assistant County Attorney Abigail Price-Williams; and Deputy Clerk Alicia Stephenson.*

2 DEPARTMENTS

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- 1) AVIATION
- 2) CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST
- 3) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
- 4) MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY
- 5) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Report: *Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez stated that departments would present their budgets.*

AVIATION

Interim Aviation Director Carlos Bonzon presented the "Miami-Dade Aviation Department FY 2005-2006 Budget Information."

In response to questions from Commissioner Sorenson, Dr. Bonzon confirmed that the Congressional Delegation was seeking resources for customs and immigration at MIA.

In response to Commissioner Moss, who asked Dr. Bonzon to compare the number of positions at MIA with those at Ft. Lauderdale and Atlanta airports, Dr. Bonzon provided the number of budgeted and law enforcement positions at MIA compared to other major airports nationwide.

An unidentified member of staff provided the number of maintenance staff at MIA versus other airports. He also provided the amount of maintenance work contracted out by MIA versus other airports.

In response to Commissioner Moss, who asked for the number of positions in administration and other areas at MIA and other airports, Dr. Bonzon stated that he would verify the number and submit a statistical report later.

Assistant Aviation Director Susan Warner-Dooley said that in November, 2004, a consultant performed a normalization of in-plane passenger costs at MIA.

Commissioner Moss noted that he previously requested a comparative analysis on in-plane passenger cost structure at major airports versus MIA. He noted that if other airports provided services at a lower cost than MIA, MIA needed to

*lower its costs to a competitive level.
Commissioner Moss said efforts should be made to
better market services at MIA.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Ms. Warner-Dooley to
submit information on in-plane passenger fees
charged at other major airports throughout the
nation.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked Dr. Bonzon to
prepare a report on whether other airports had
living wage ordinances and how the County's
living wage ordinance positioned MIA versus
other airports.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Dr. Bonzon to forward,
for Committee review, the study on normalization
of costs at MIA that was initiated in November,
2004.*

*Commissioner Sorenson said that consideration
should be given to keeping the Fine Arts and
Cultural Affairs Department at MIA.*

CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

*Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust
Executive Director Nan Markowitz, presented the
"Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust FY
2005-2006 Budget Information."*

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

*Metropolitan Planning Organization Director
Jose Luis-Mesa, PhD presented the "Metropolitan
Planning Organization FY 2005-2006 Budget
Information."*

*Dr. Luis-Mesa explained that he kept two positions
vacant in case the Board requested extra studies
that the MPO could conduct in-house. He said if
he used general planning consultants to complete
the studies, the bureaucratic process of requesting
overages could be difficult.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Dr. Luis-Mesa to
provide a better explanation of the process for
requesting overage positions.*

TRANSIT

*Miami-Dade Transit Director Roosevelt Bradley
presented the "Miami-Dade Transit FY 2005-2006
Budget Information."*

*Chairman Gimenez asked the County Manager to
ensure that the initial annual amounts*

appropriated to departmental budgets were realistic and sufficient to support the number of salaried positions in the respective departments, notwithstanding the attrition factor or any mid-year adjustments.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson, who asked what percentage of new bus purchases would be hybrid diesel-electric, Mr. Bradley said that Miami-Dade Transit was performing analyses to determine the percentage. He also said that MDT would try using biodiesel buses, which were environmentally friendly and cost the same as diesel buses.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Mr. Bradley to submit a report comparing the marketing budgets of MDT to other governmental entities. She later asked how much marketing was done by word-of-mouth and the convenience of the system, and how much was influenced by radio and television commercials.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson, who questioned Mr. Bradley regarding the ridership in the new busway segment, Mr. Bradley said that no analysis had been performed yet, but that actual ridership traditionally was three times greater than the projected ridership.

Commissioner Moss said it was important that MDT continue marketing the People's Transportation Plan and that the County be more diverse in the use of newspapers for marketing purposes. He said that MDT had to monitor the budget and keep commissioners updated so that they could provide policy support to MDT.

In response to Commissioner Moss, who asked what provisions MDT was making for bus repair facilities for new buses and equipment, Mr. Bradley said that MDT would realign routes and expedite construction of two bus facilities. Concerning Commissioner Moss' question as to whether the County Manager would submit a plan to address MDT funding gaps, Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez said that this plan was outlined in Agenda Item 4G, an ordinance proposing to amend the People's Transportation Plan (PTP), which was adopted on first reading at the May 17, 2005 BCC meeting. He noted this proposed ordinance, was scheduled for a public hearing before the Regional Transportation Committee on June 8, 2005. He added that a \$23.9 million FY 2001-02 shortfall would be excluded

from the amended version of the PTP and MDT would absorb the \$23.9 million over the next 10 years or less. Mr. Hernandez said it was important that the County Manager's plan be effective or the funding issue be resolved in order to improve chances at New Start and Quick Start funding in Washington, D.C. in August.

Chairman Gimenez asked Mr. Bradley to reflect proposed additions to core as expenditures and support for existing services as a deficit.

In response to Chairman Gimenez' request that Mr. Bradley start developing contingency plans to pay back a \$57 million deficit, Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez stated staff would brief Committee members on the contingency plans currently underway before the June 8, 2005 Committee meeting.

Chairman Gimenez asked Mr. Bradley to submit a report outlining the difference in the mileage rates of hybrid versus diesel buses and to provide Committee members with an analysis outlining the cost of operating electric buses down the busway. Mr. Bradley said that there were buses that could be connected like trains.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director Aristides Rivera presented the "Public Works (PTP) FY 2005-06 Budget Information."

Chairman Gimenez asked whether the Miami River Tunnel project was a part of the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and how much money was allocated to it.

Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez said the only funding available was for the study phase of the project.

Mr. Rivera noted the PTP did not include any projections associated with the project.

Chairman Gimenez expressed concern that commissioners were not informed that funding for this project was insufficient. He asked why the County was performing a feasibility study on the project and noted that if no money was in the PTP for the Miami River Tunnel, the project was not financially feasible.

Chairman Gimenez asked Deputy County Manager Pete Hernandez not to perform a

feasibility study on projects unless he was reasonably certain they would be funded.

In response to Commissioner Sorenson, who asked Mr. Rivera for a status report on Light-Emitting Diode (LED) traffic light retrofits, Mr. Rivera said that the Request for Proposal would soon be finalized.

In response to Commissioner Moss, who asked Mr. Rivera for the timeframe for traffic re-signalization, Mr. Rivera said that the first phase (developing a successful alpha test) would occur 12-18 months after the implementation date of the contract. He added that the alpha test approval process could take 1.5 years, and would be followed by the deployment of additional intersections, which could take 4-5 years. Consideration would be given to changing controllers, he stated.

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SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WORKSHOP ITEMS FOR
THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

Presented

- 1) AVIATION DEPARTMENT
- 2) MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT AGENCY
- 3) METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

3 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *The Committee adjourned this Budget Workshop at 5:07 p.m.*